

MATTER OF VILLANUEVA
In Visa Petition Proceedings
A-14636531

Decided by Deputy Associate Commissioner August 24, 1971

A medical record librarian who has a 4-year baccalaureate degree with major study in medical record science from an accredited college or university in the United States or such a degree from a foreign college or university which has been evaluated as its equivalent by the United States Office of Education, or who has successfully completed post-baccalaureate study in an accredited program in medical record science in the United States or has successfully completed such study abroad which has been evaluated as its equivalent by the United States Office of Education, is a member of the professions within the purview of section 101(a)(32) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, and is eligible for preference classification under section 203(a)(3) of the Act, as amended.
[*Matter of Ancheta*, 12 I. & N. Dec. 785, overruled.]

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The Regional Commissioner has approved this petition filed to accord the petitioner-beneficiary preference classification as a medical record librarian under section 203(a)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended. However, he has certified the case to me for final decision because of a contrary holding in *Matter of Ancheta*, 12 I. & N. Dec. 785 (1968), with regard to this occupation.

The petitioner-beneficiary, a 31-year-old native and citizen of the Philippines, graduated on March 13, 1960 from Philippine Union College, Manila, Philippines with the degree of Bachelor of Secretarial Science. She was thereafter employed as a medical secretary for the medical staff of a sanitarium and hospital in Bangkok, Thailand from June 1960 to June 1964 and as a medical secretary for a hospital in Canada from August 1964 to August 1966.

In 1966 she was admitted to the United States as a student and